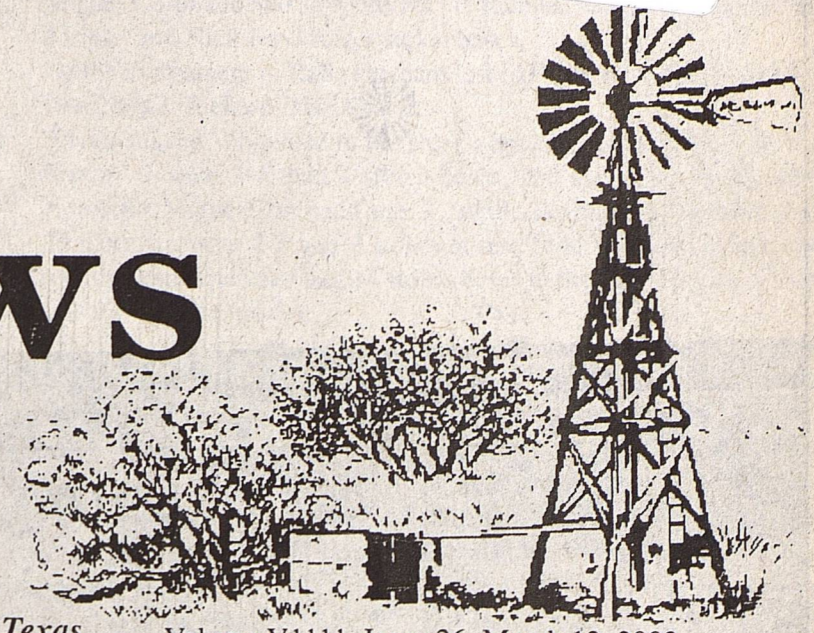


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Hospital issues top court agenda

The majority of agenda items in Monday's session of Commissioner's Court dealt with Yoakum County Hospital improvement plans and issuance of \$2.95 million in Certificates of Obligation to finance the project. Clay Taylor, Hospital Administrator, asked for approval of an amendment to the Covenant Management Agreement for laboratory services. The former lab manager recently resigned and moved to Hobbs. Covenant will supply a staff member to fill the position, and the hospital will reimburse Covenant for his salary, which Taylor reported would be less than that paid to a newly hired manager. The Court also approved Taylor and the Hospital Board's recommendation to contract with Joe

D. McKay Architects for architectural work on the expansion and improvement program, the firm which handled construction plans for West Texas Medical Center. The firm's fee would be \$132,000. Court approval was also given the hospital to purchase two surrounding lots adjoining the hospital for \$14,300 with existing hospital funds. Representatives of Southwest Securities presented an appraisal of the \$2.95 million certificates of obligation to be used for the hospital project. A recent Moody report rated the issuance A-3, an exceptional rating for the size of Yoakum County. The rating was earned by the county's tax base, lack of indebtedness and ample reserve

funds. The rating is just below that granted to the City of Lubbock. The report reflected the continuing trend of falling interest rates. The deadline for accepting bids on the certificate issuance was at 10 AM just before Commissioner's Court convened. Southwest representatives reported eight bids on the certificates were received. TIB, The Texas Independent Bankers Bank, submitted the lowest bid on the certificates (the interest the county will pay to receive the \$2.95 million), 2.99755%. The bid was unanimously approved. In other court matters, bids were received on Plains and Denver City property held in the County Trust for delinquent taxes. Highest bids were accepted totaling \$12,200 were accepted.

New deputy comes aboard



Sheriff Don Corzine introduced new Deputy David Bryant in Commissioners Court Monday. Corzine said Bryant, a former Reserve Deputy, would be a valuable asset in the department.

Criminal cases in County Court

In the March 5 session of County Court, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state, six cases were heard. David Silvas Gonzalez pled guilty to theft, \$50 or more, less than \$500. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$211 court costs and serve 50 hours community service. Investigating officer was Chris Ballard, Denver City police.

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Attention all local walkers!



If you are one of the many who regularly walk or jog for exercise in Stanford Park, you will soon have an exclusive path to follow without looking over your shoulder for approaching vehicles. Precinct 3 employees have completed laying a white caliche base around the perimeter of the park, and in the next few days should apply a permanent asphalt surface to the path. Commissioner Ty Earl Powell reported the path measures 2,700 feet, just over one half mile in length.

Lions learn advantages of 'Bio-Diesel'

Joe Howell, father of Plains Lions Club member Tina Davis and owner of Bio-Max Fuels was last Thursday's guest speaker at the club. Howell is confident a new development in the field of petroleum based energy will ultimately replace present day diesel with a much cleaner burning fuel, and offer greatly improved mileage for on the road vehicles, and far less consumption for agricultural uses.

Howell said oil company refineries are seriously looking at experiments which indicate the diesel being burned today can be improved by a formulated addition of several different types of common, readily available oils. His company, Bio-Max Fuels, currently buys and collects used restaurant cooking oil which can be used in production of the new form of diesel. He told Lions other available oils for the process include cotton seed oil, corn oil and other vegetable type oils. According to Howell, The US Department of Agriculture, Energy Department and the Environmental Protection



Club President Melba Crutcher, left, congratulates Linda Wall, appointed to the office of Secretary-Treasurer, the position the late Harry Richardson served so faithfully 12 years.

Agency are all very interested in production of this Bio-Diesel. He said a fuel mixture of 20% of Bio-Diesel added to 80% of #2 diesel produces a fuel which would cost only some four cents more than regular #2 diesel, but would increase mileage by at least 25%.

He stated one reason the three government agencies are seriously experimenting with the

new fuel is because of a pending federal law going into effect in 2006 which would require on-road diesel vehicles, and sooner or later agricultural tractors, be equipped with devices similar to catalytic converters presently required on cars and light trucks. "They will certainly reduce air pollution, but will make the diesel engines far less efficient than they are today."

At press time, City Hall reported six candidates have formally filed for a place on the ballot to elect three City Council members. Throwing their hats in the ring are Steven Alldredge, Michael Barrientes, Cull 'Bud' Forbus, Shayne Griffiths and Alfred Martinez. Incumbent Christy Brink has also filed. The final date to file is 5 PM March 19 for the Saturday, May 3 election.

Another Eradication Zone Given Vote Of Confidence

Cotton producers in the Northwest Plains Eradication Zone have become the latest growers to affirm their commitment to boll weevil eradication.

Results from a retention election held last month showed more than 83 percent of the voters in favor of continuing eradication in the zone.

The Northwest Plains began eradication in 1999 and is on the verge of eliminating boll weevils from the area's cotton fields, as pheromone trap catches have fallen to the point where only an average of 9 weevils were caught for every 10,000 traps inspected during the 2002 growing season.

This represents a decrease in the zone's weevil populations of more than 99 percent.

"We were real pleased with the way the vote turned out," said John Saylor, the zone's representative on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. "It just reaffirms that what we're doing is right, and everyone is committed to finishing the program."

Saylor was re-elected to his position on the board in the

election. "Our board members have kind of adopted a saying these days: A good investment, finish the job," said Lindy Patton, executive director of the foundation. "Growers across the state seem to agree that eradication has been a good investment, and like the Northwest Plains producers, they've shown their commitment to finish the job with their votes."

Growers in active boll weevil eradication zones in the state must vote every four years whether to continue eradication activities in their zone. Since October 2001, the Southern Rolling Plains, South Texas/Winter Garden, Rolling Plains Central and Western High Plains zones have all reaffirmed their commitment to eradication, all passing with favorable votes of more than 80 percent.

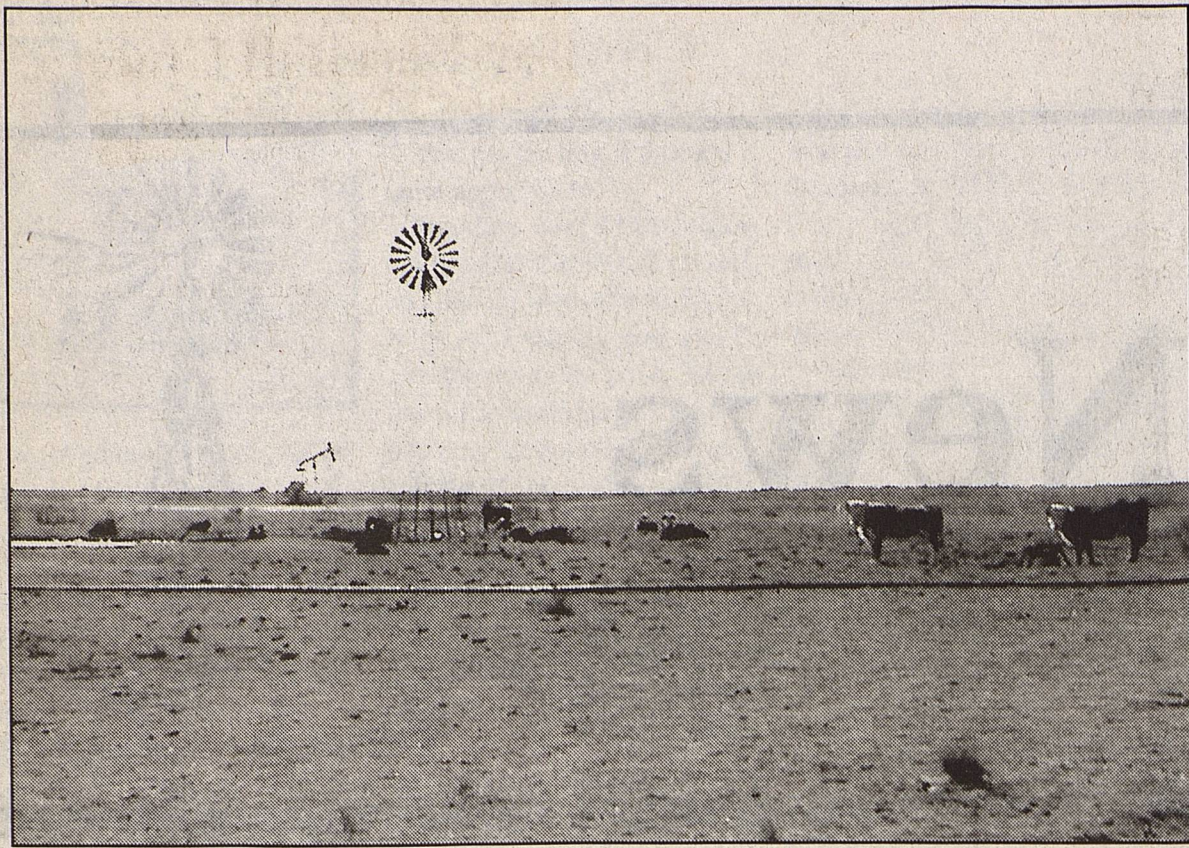
The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a non-profit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

Manuel Ramoz qualifies for state Power Lift Meet

Plains High Senior Manuel Ramoz competed in the Regional Power Meet at Floydada March 8, and placed second in his weight class with a total lift of 1,190 pounds to qualify for the State Power Meet in Fort Worth March 22.

Coach Blake McWhirter reported, "He is the first athlete from Plains High to compete at the state level in power lifting. His team mate Jose Ramirez also competed at Floydada and just missed qualifying for state by 55 pounds. These are two of the strongest kids I have ever coached. They were committed to something special all year, and their hard work and determination are, to be commended."

McWhirter said the Region One they competed in is one of the largest and toughest in the state. They were entered in competition with Class A, AA and AAA athletes in schools from Dalhart to Eastland to Crane. Adam Guerrero represented Plains High as alternate lifter.



A rancher's dream - good looking Hereford cattle, windmill pumping from a good well, an oil well pump jack working in the back ground..... especially if he owns the minerals!

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Edgar Omar Garcia Diaz pled guilty to DWI. He must serve an additional 40 hours community service, complete the repeat offender program and pay license re-instatement fee to DPS.

Alberto Tarango Jr. pled guilty to purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$200, must pay \$211 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will serve 80 hours community service and attend weekly AA meetings. Investigating officer was Deputy Inoe Valdez.

Noemi Ramos Guzman pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior marijuana possession cause. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for 32 days served. Bill Helwig served as his attorney.

Efrain Maldonado pled true to the state's motion to modify community supervision from a prior DWI cause. Supervision will be extended until August 20, 2003, he must pay delinquent fine of \$530, delinquent CSCD fees of \$320, attend AA (narcotics) meetings twice weekly, and serve additional 25 hours community service.

Veronica Reyna pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior assault causing bodily injury to family member. She will spend 60 days in jail with credit for 21 days served. Causes of marijuana and drug paraphernalia were adjudicated.

Farm Legislation Offers Environmental Benefits For All Americans

Offering the largest boost in natural resources conservation programs in the history of farm legislation, the 2002 Farm Bill expands the opportunities for U.S. farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices that benefit all Americans, according to James Moore, Executive Director of the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB).

The new programs emphasize conservation on working lands, which allow farmers and ranchers to continue producing food and fiber while improving the nation's natural resources. They also introduce new opportunities for local stakeholders to help establish conservation priorities.

"This is the most significant piece of conservation and environmental legislation in over a decade, and the benefits are great for anyone who eats, breathes air, drinks water and enjoys the quality of life we are blessed with in America," Moore said. "Our local soil and water conservation districts and

Because conservation practices often require significant investments of time and capital by farmers and ranchers, many of the Farm Bill conservation programs have been designed to provide incentive payments to agricultural producers who establish conservation practices and systems un-

der the direction of local conservation leaders and technical service providers. These measures not only help stabilize the agricultural economy, they also provide important public benefits in the form of cleaner water and air, productive soils and increased wildlife habitat.

An array of conservation programs in the new Farm Bill offers incentives to agricultural producers, including the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, Wetlands Reserve Program and the Farmland Production Program. Two new programs are the Conservation Security Program and Grassland Reserve Program.

"There has never been a better time to implement conservation practices on working lands," Moore said. "We encourage farmers and ranchers to contact us to learn about the programs that could help them improve their farming operations and at the same time protect soil, water, air and habitat. It's a great opportunity to get involved locally to set priorities for future conservation efforts."

For more information about these conservation programs and how to become involved, contact the TSSWCB at 254-773-2250 or visit our web site at www.tsswcb.state.tx.us.

ATTENTION

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District Court case heard

In District Court March 7, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state, Susan Ann Barrientes pled guilty to theft, more than \$1500, less than \$20,000. A two year state jail sentence was suspended and probated five years. Defendant was fined \$1000, must pay \$303 court costs, \$25 time payment fee and \$250 appointed attorney fees, plus \$3200 restitution to Lowe's Pay & Save. Defendant will serve 120 hours community service. Investigating officer was Sheriff Department Capt. Jerry Howard, and her attorney was Paul Mansur.

May 3, 2003 General Election Calendar

Listed below are the major dates concerning the upcoming City Council General Election to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2003.

PURPOSE

To elect three (3) councilmembers. Those with expiring terms are; Council members Arlon Alexander, Christy Brink and Owen Schneider.

CANDIDATE FILING DATES

Tuesday, February 18, 2003 through Wednesday, March 19, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Thursday, April 3, 2003 is the last day to register to vote in the May 3, 2003 City Council General Election. Voter Registration is at the Yoakum County Courthouse Tax Office.

EARLY VOTING

By personal appearance- Wednesday, April 16, 2003 through Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at Plains City Hall located at 1015 Ave. F from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY

Saturday, May 3, 2003 at Plains City Hall, 1015 Avenue F. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. until 7 p.m.

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Texas Salt Goes To Troops
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The Texas News, December 1, 1863

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At Texas A&M University, researchers at the Vegetable and Fruit Improvement Center have created healthier produce. By infusing fruits and vegetables with additional vitamins and higher levels of antioxidants and other health enhancing compounds, Aggie researchers are not only improving the quality of our produce, but also strengthening and diversifying our states produce industry.

On the gusty plains of Texas panhandle, scientists at Texas Tech Universities Wind Engineering Research Center study building design and construction technologies to increase resilience to windstorms. The center also conducts debris impact tests on storm shelters to provide better protection from catastrophic events. By utilizing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and National Storm Shelter Association (NSSA) guidelines, Texas Tech provides life saving information to build more resistant structures to protect our homes and businesses.

In Texas, we know about the cutting edge research of our universities, but they have not received the national attention they deserve. One of my key initiatives as a United States Senator has been to elevate the profile of our groundbreaking research institutions and increase the amount of federal research funds allocated to our schools.

When I first joined the Senate Appropriations Committee in 1997 and learned that Texas ranked sixth nationally in federal research dollars, I was stunned. I knew we needed to create a bridge between Texas

schools and the federal agencies that distribute grants. For four year we have brought our research institutions to Washington, D.C. to meet with the agencies that give the most research dollars to learn their priorities and match them with our expertise.

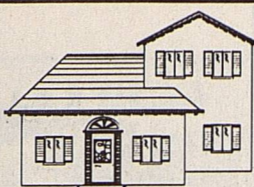
This February, I was proud to announce that Texas has moved up to rank as the fourth highest recipient of federal higher education research funds. Latest reports indicate Texas took in more than \$963 million in federal research dollars in fiscal year 2001. According to a RAND Corporation study, Texas funding increased 14 percent between 2000 and 2001.

At a time when state budget deficits are growing, an increase in the amount of federal research dollars coming into Texas is paramount. The money means better students and faculty at our universities, greater opportunity for research to improve the quality of life, and more diverse industries for our state.

My next goal is to see Texas move up to third on this list. With the continued collaboration and hard work of our schools, that dream will become a reality.

The RAND study ranked California first in federal research and development dollars to higher education institutions, followed by New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Massachusetts and Maryland.

Real Estate News For Consumers



TEXAS REALTORS URGE LEGISLATORS TO PASS MEANINGFUL HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE REFORM

AUSTIN — Less than two months into the 78th Texas Legislature, lawmakers have already filed nearly 80 bills on homeowners insurance.

Gov. Rick Perry put insurance on the fast track because homeowners insurance rates in Texas already are at least 83 percent higher than the national average — that \$879-per-year figure was from 2001, before rates escalated higher still for many Texas homeowners.

In July 2002, the Texas Association of Realtors surveyed members about their clients' experiences regarding homeowners insurance availability and affordability. Here's what 2,491 participating Texas Realtors reported:

- 70 percent said they've seen one or more real estate transactions delayed because clients had problems securing coverage.
- 51 percent said one or more of their clients were unable to secure homeowners insurance coverage at all.
- 35 percent said a client's homeowners policy was canceled within 90 days of being issued.
- 35 percent had at least one client who was denied homeowners coverage based on their credit rating.

The Texas Association of Realtors Insurance Task Force, composed of Realtors from around the state, studied this issue for nearly nine months and issued a public report last September. Texas Realtors' legislative recommendations include:

Prohibit or severely limit the use of credit scores affecting homeowners policies. It's wrong that the

simple act of opening a credit card account could increase your insurance premiums.

Stop stigmatizing properties. Texas homeowners should not be penalized when they do the right thing and have a water leak properly repaired before mold can fester. The insurance industry's widespread use of CLUE, the Comprehensive Loss Underwriting Exchange, a database that tracks homeowners insurance claims, should be changed so legitimate claims don't count against you.

Provide meaningful rate regulation. In Texas, more than 95 percent of all homeowners policies go through the unregulated Lloyd's loophole, which means — unlike in other states — there are no rate caps.

No more canceling policies in the first 90 days without cause. Most homeowners insurance policies include a right-of-rescission clause that allows companies to cancel coverage within the first 90 days for no reason. This puts new homeowners in a Catch-22 because mortgage lenders require that homeowners insurance be in place at all times during the life of the loan.

"Every day, we see the problems Texas families face in finding — and keeping — fair, affordable homeowners coverage," said George Stephens, chairman of the 60,000-member Texas Association of Realtors. "Join us in urging our lawmakers to pass meaningful homeowners insurance reform during this 78th session."

For more information, visit the Texas Association of Realtors Web site, www.TexasRealEstate.com.

Student of the Week

PHS student of the week is Patrick Cotton a sophomore and the son of Dr. and Mrs. Chris Cotton. He was nominated by Coach McMinn, who said, "God has given this young man many talents in both the classroom and in athletic competition. He works hard without complaining. The last 2 weeks he has showcased his talents in track. He has excelled in the 800 meter dash, I



wouldn't be surprised if we saw this young man run in the state track meet in Austin. He has the ability to go far."

NOTICE FOR PROPOSALS THE STATE OF TEXAS - COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County, for the specific intention of the Board of Directors of the Yoakum County Hospital, requests statements of qualifications and fee proposals from interested firms for **CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK** for Yoakum County Hospital as required by Section 271.118 of the Local Government Code. Statements and proposals will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 28, 2003.

General Information on Project Name and Scope of Work:

- Project Name: YCH Additions and Renovations
- Project Site: West 4th & West 5th Streets & Mustang Ave. Denver City, TX
- Project Scope: Phase 1-4 of New Building & Renovations & Additions to Existing YCH
- Estimated Budget: \$ 1.8 million

e. YCH Project Architect: JDMA, Inc. Architects-Lubbock, TX, Joe D. McKay, Principal
Statements and Proposals will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court not later than, Monday, April 28, 2003.

For project requirements and forms, please contact the Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-2422, P.O. Box 516, Plains, TX 79355 or Clay Taylor, Hospital Administrator, 806/592-2121, 412 Mustang Ave., Denver City, TX 79323

Sealed Proposals should be marked "CONSTRUCTION MANAGER" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, P.O. Box 456/Cowboy Way and Avenue G., Plains, TX 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Cowboy Baseball Update

Tuesday of last week the cowboys defeated Seminole JV 15-0. Miguel Coronado and TJ Cordova hit doubles, Armando Ramirez hit a triple, and Nick Hays had 3 stolen bases.

At the tournament in Ralls the team lost to Olton 11-1. Kevin Bartley was 2 for 3, Richard Diaz 1 for 2.

Plains played Whiteface in the loser's bracket and won 11-8. Kevin Bartley II went 3-4, had 4 stolen bases, and hit an inside the park Homerun. Miguel Coronado was 2-2 with a double and 3 stolen bases. TJ Cordova went 2-3 and 2 stolen bases. Todd Williams scored the winning run. The team had 14 stolen bases in the game. Richard Diaz was the winning pitcher.

They faced Amherst in the championship game of the consolation bracket, and won 9-4 and received a plaque. Kevin Bartley II was 3-4 with 2 doubles and a triple. TJ Cordova, Richard Diaz, and Evan Cain had 3 stolen bases. Abel Ramos was 1-1 and 3 stolen bases. The team had a total of 17 stolen bases for the game. Kevin Bartley II started the game as the pitcher, striking out 5 batters. Armando Ramirez received game ball for his outstanding performance. Kevin Bartley II was nominated to the All Tournament Team. He was 8-11 with a batting average of .727, 2 doubles, a triple, 6 RBI's and 7 stolen bases. Miguel Coronado and TJ Cordova were others who hit well in the tournament Miguel batted .400 and had 7 stolen bases, TJ Cordova batted .429 and had 5 stolen bases.

Plains ISD School Board Election Slated

The Plains Independent School District Board of Trustees is calling a board election for May 3, 2003 for three positions on the school board. The three positions up for election are District #1 (incumbent-Ramon Diaz), District #5 (incumbent-John Gray), and At-Large #6 (incumbent-Brad Palmer). Mr. Diaz and Mr. Palmer have already applied for a place on the ballot.

Persons desiring to apply for a place on the ballot may do so at the school superintendent's office at 1000 Tenth Street, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The last day to file for place on the ballot is Wednesday, March 19th. Personnel of Plains ISD will be on spring break March 17th through March 21st. If an individual wishes to apply for a place on the ballot March 17th, March 18th, or March 19th while the school officers are closed, he/she should call one of the following people to begin the application process: Jim Haynes (456-6661) (Cell, 456-7401) Sarah K. Burrus (505-398-6137), Gail Holley (456-7014), or Bill Butler (456-2474).

Cowboy Relays Results

J.V. Boys-400 relay, 3rd place, 48.78 time, Ben Hays, Anibal Gonzales, Ramiro Martinez, Todd Williams. 800 relay, 3rd place, 1:45.62 time, Ben Hays Anibal Gonzales Ramiro Martinez, Todd Williams. 100 meter, 1st place, 12.12 time, Anibal Gonzales 100 meter 4th place, 12.4 time. Anibal Gonzales 200 meter 7th place, 26.09 time. Joseph Martinez 400 meter, 13th place, 66 time. Aldo Fierro 1600 meter, 2nd place, 5:29.7 time. Also Fierro 3200 meter, 2nd place, 12:33.28 time. Blake O'Quinn, 110 hurdles 3rd place, 21.21 time. Evan Cain 300 hurdles 1st place, 43.8 time. Grady McNabb 300 hurdles, 2nd place, 48.6 time. Ben Hays, pole vault, 1st place, 10'. Ramiro Martinez, long jump, 6th place, 17' 8". Cody Flores, shot put, 1st place, 38' 3". Isaac Ramon, shot put, 2nd place, 37' 10". Isaac Ramon, discus, 3rd place, 107' 1".

Varsity Boys-400 relay, 1st place, 45.32 time, Nick Hays, Kevin Bartley, Arnold Cordova, Richard Diaz. 800 relay, 3rd place, 1:38.24 time, Nick Hays, Kevin Bartley, Richard Diaz, Adam Guerrero. 1600 relay, 2nd place, 3:44.66 time, Kevin Bartley, Richard Diaz, Adam Guerrero, Patrick Cotton. 400 meter, 3rd, 54.62 time, Patrick Cotton. 800 meter 1st place, 2:07.09, Patrick Cotton. 800 meter. 7th place, 2:22 Adam Guerrero. 1600 meter, 4th place, 5:07.35, Payton Bean. 1600 meter, 6th place, 5:08.50 time, Brandon Davis. 1600 meter. 7th place, 5:12, Armando Ramirez. 3200, 7th place, 12:01.07, Payton Bean. 110 hurdles, 1st place, 15.96 time, Nick Hays. 300 hurdles, 1st place, 43.94 time, Arnold Cordova.

Cowgirls-discus, 3rd place, 90.3, Kayla Willis (Best throw). 800 meter run, 3rd place, 2:38.52 time, Manuela Villegas. 1600 meter run, 4th place, 6:28.81 time, Micaela Villegas (Best time). 1600 meter relay, 4th place, 4:48.16 time, Kayla Willis, Jesenia Suarez, Micaela Villegas, Manuela Villegas. 800 meter run, 5th place, 2:48.66, Micaela Villegas (Best time). 100 meter hurdles, 6th place, 19.96 time, Jill Gray. 100 meter dash, 7th place, Moriah Traweck.

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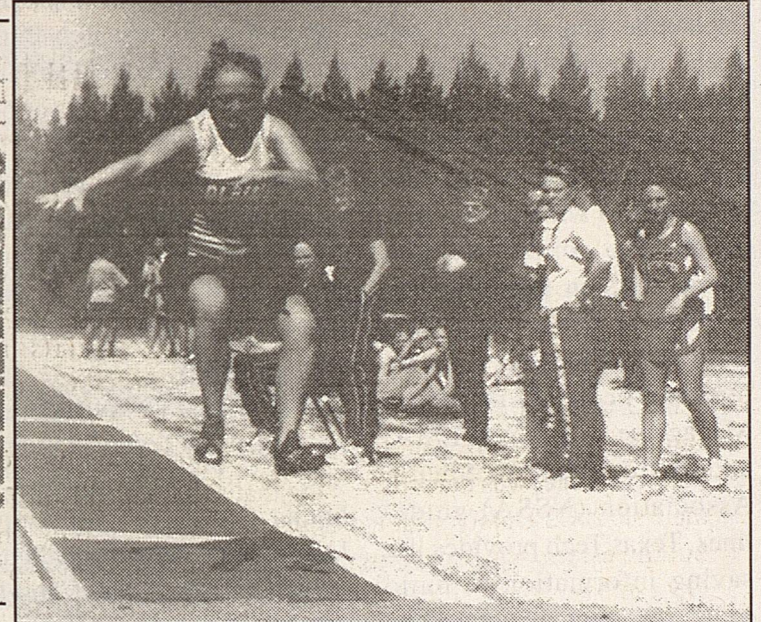
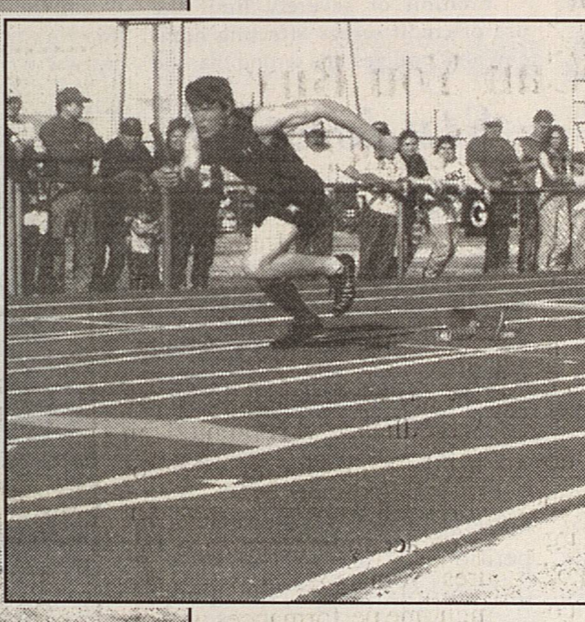
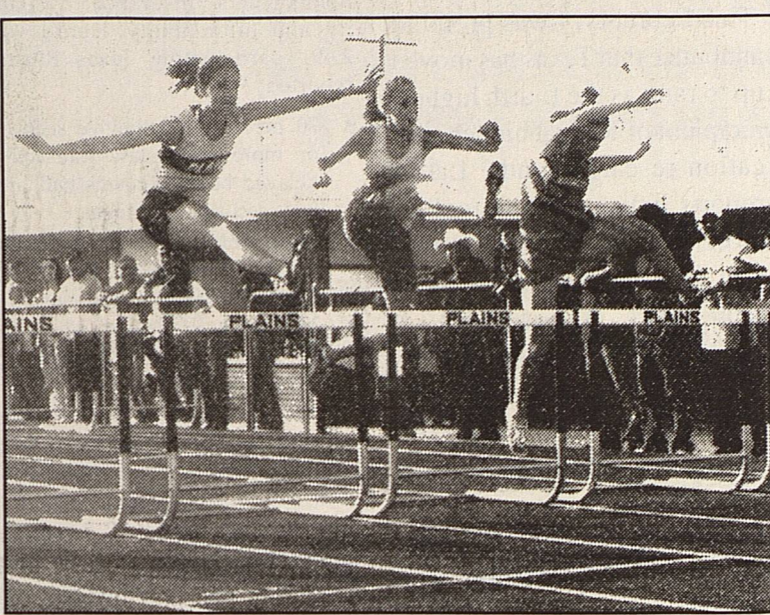
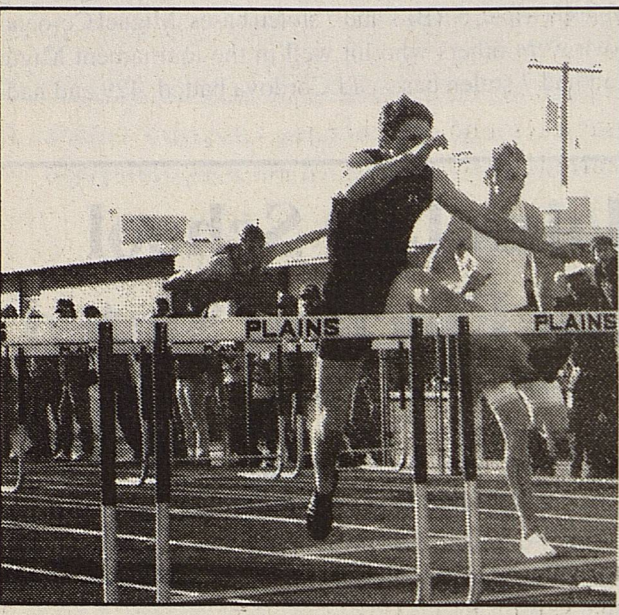
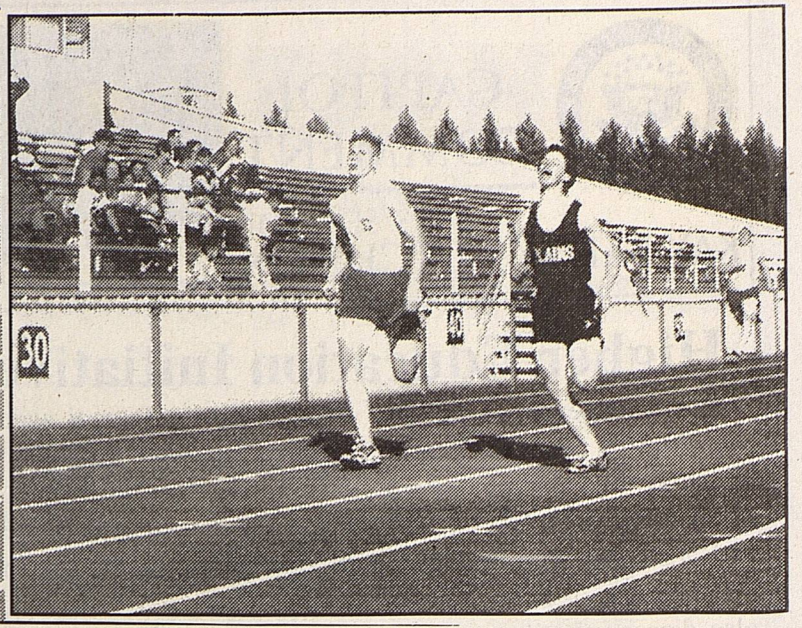
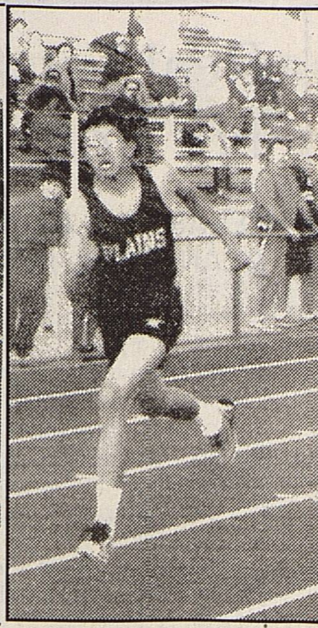
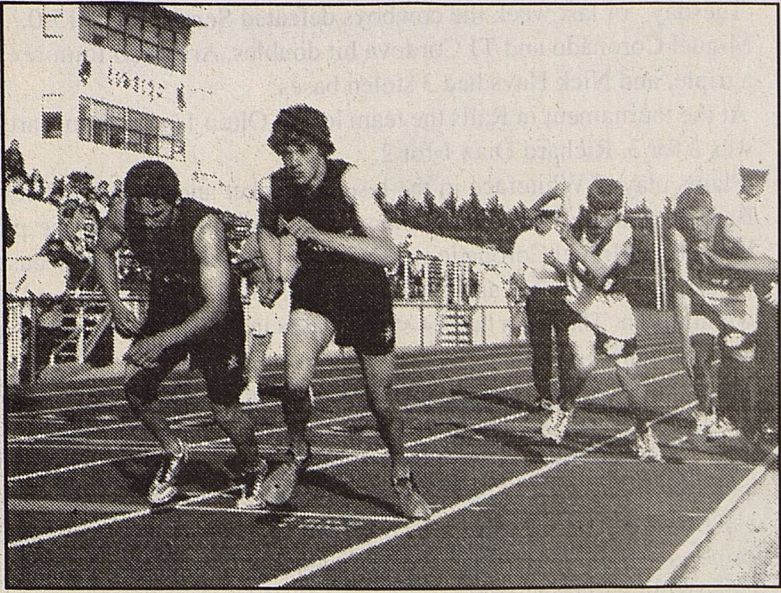
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Kristian Morales	11	Evan Cain	10
Manuela Villegas	11	Brandon Hise	10
Kayla Willis	12	Angel Ruiz	12

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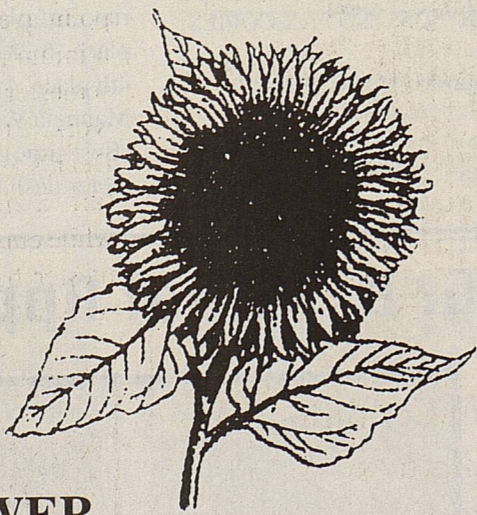
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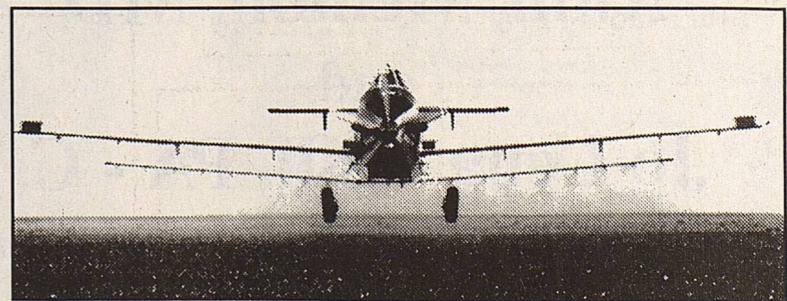
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Art Association Meets

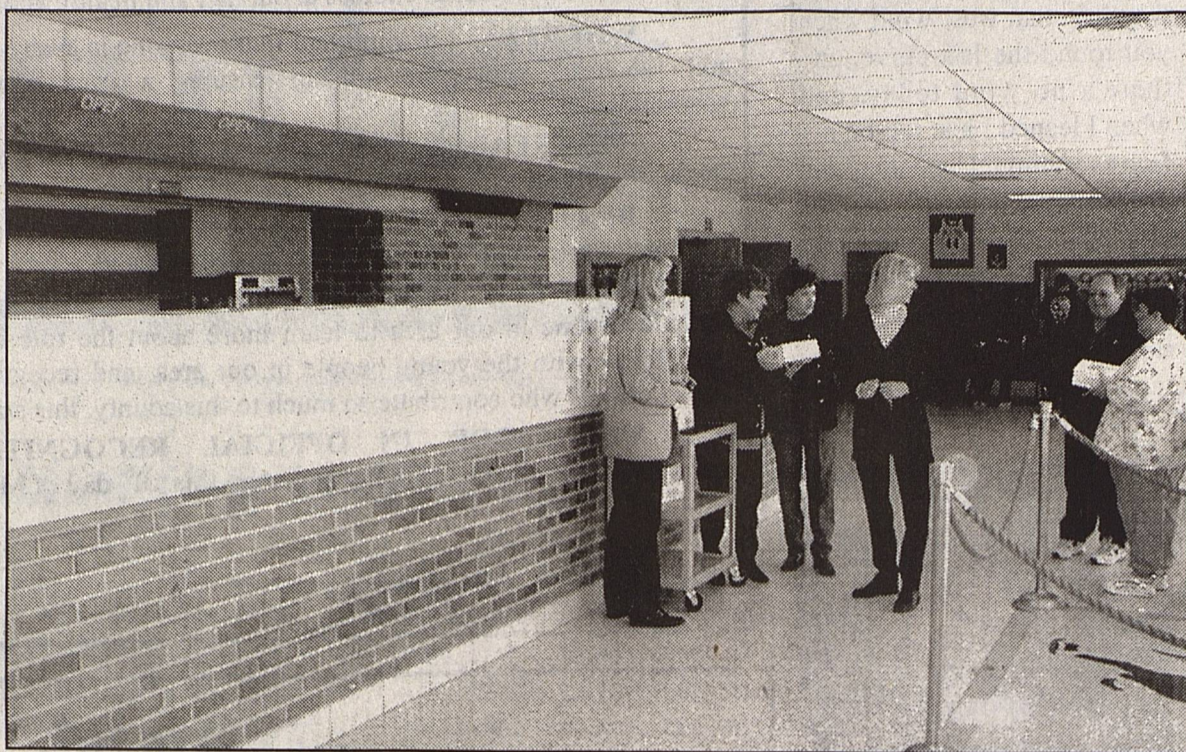
The Yoakum County Art Association met in the clubroom on Tuesday, March 4. Jeannette Head, the president, reported Gail Webb had agreed to judge the art show in July. Eileen Fillipp, chairman of the scholarship committee, said applications are at Plains High School and at the County Library. Students are encouraged to apply for the scholarship.

Janelle Brantley, artist of the month, brought the door prize which was won by Betty Estep. Shelia Stephens introduced the guest artist, L'Ann Romines from Denver City. She demonstrated making hand built pottery. Refreshments were served by hostesses Uvonne Morgan and Thelma Cheatham.

The next meeting will be April 8. Guest artist will be Jean Green. All visitors are welcome.

Burrus On Dean's List

Clint Burrus, son of Tommy and Sarah Kay Burrus and a PHS graduate, was named to the Fall 2002 Dean's List at Southwestern University in Georgetown. To be selected, students must have at least a 3.6 grade point average on a 4.0 scale with at least 12 graded hours, and be in good standing with the University.



This photo in the foyer of the main gym shows 650 boxes of Krispy Kreme donuts - that's 7,800 KK's - carefully stacked on the counter of the concession stand. The donuts were distributed to residents who had pre-ordered them in a fund raising effort to send a group of school students to Washington D.C. this summer. CCN erroneously reported last week the donuts were picked up in Amarillo and delivered here by Carolyn Culwell and Melissa Dorsett.... we should have recognized Melissa GARCIA, and we apologize.

What Can You Buy For 25 Cents?

Admission for the 25th Annual Lubbock Arts Festival is 25 cents. Visitors only need a quarter to be a part of the weekend that celebrates the arts in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center April 10-13, 2003.

"One of the things we're doing that's dramatically different this year is we're only charging 25 cents for people to go," said Meredith McAlister, co-chairman for the Lubbock Arts Festival. "It's 25 cents because it's the 25th year."

The Arts Festival was once a free event. Then in recent years,

the price reached \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. "We're working toward making it a free event like it was in the early days," said Libby Camp, executive director of the Lubbock Arts Alliance. She pointed out that the admission quarter provides future event chairmen more accurate attendance figures. Some special events and nighttime performances will require additional admission or purchased tickets.

The public can attend the 25th Annual Lubbock Arts Festival April 11-13, 2003, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Premiere night is Thursday evening, April 10. For reservations contact the Lubbock Arts Alliance office, (806) 744-ARTS.

For more information, please contact LAA Executive Director Libby Camp at (806) 744-2787.

Supposing you have tried and failed again and again. You may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing we call "failure" is not falling, but the staying down. *Mary Pickford* Mistakes and failures are simply opportunities to start over again more intelligently than before. Don't ignore your failures or try to hide from them. Instead, transform your failures into successes. As long as you never quit trying, you will always advance toward good fortune.

Senior Citizens Corner

So here we are in the month of March! March always makes us think of the Irish, and when we spend some time thinking of the folk from that green isle, we invariably think of the Limerick. Webster says a limerick is a lighthearted verse of five lines, usually with the rhyme scheme of aabba. An example might be:

"A limerick is easy to write
To do one won't take you all night
Find three words that rhyme
Two more will do fine,
And presto, you've written one right!

With that in mind, we'd like to present the senior news this week in limerick form:

Visitors come from near and afar

Larry Simms, Red Berry and Ben Carr

Found the name of our street
At the right time to eat.

Our doorway is always ajar.
We try not to be out of touch
With those who have ailments
and such;

It seems many have the Flu
And there's pneumonia too.
For all these we pray very much.

While speaking of praying today

We take just a moment to say
We appreciate the men

Who time and again
Bow their heads at lunchtime
to pray.

If you'd like to read a good book

In the office you need to look;
From the librarian they came
Choose from author or name.

Just bring back whatever you took!

This week we got an 'invite'
To visit a new business site

A mortuary, you know,
And we feel we must go

So we'll know how to end the things up right!

There's always news of war or the queen

Breaking news of all kinds we have seen.

Naomi made news today
As we heard people say

She's changed from Goodman to Green!

Anna Taylor's latest monthly report

Brought news of a far different sort.

It seems HIPPA's the thing
In a never ending string

Of programs we'd like to abort.
Bingo turned out again to be fun

When the noon lunch hour was done.

It's considered a success
As we clean up the mess

To find a smile on the face of each one

'Twas the old Birthday Monday this week,

So we lined up the bold and the meek.

They stood there wearing a smile

Yet they knew all the while

We grow older as we speak!
.....June Hanneman book

Bayer, Gallegos, & Rogers Named To SPC Honor Lists

Students from Plains are among those named to the President and Dean's Honor Lists for the fall 2002 semester at South Plains College.

Students named to the President's Honor List maintain a straight A or 4.0 grade point average while carrying a minimum full time load of 12 semester hours of college level work. Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of college level work with no failing grades.

"It's always a pleasure to recognize the students who have been named to our honor lists," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, vice president for academic affairs.

"They have worked hard and demonstrated excellent study habits in order to maintain high grades, and SPC is very proud of them."

Joshua Bayer and Joel Gallegos from Plains have been named to the President's Honor List, and Ryan Rogers from Plains has been named to the Dean's Honor List.

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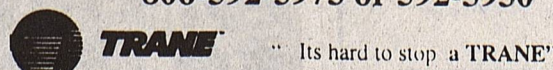


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